

# THE MEEHAN FAMILY

## OUR JOURNEY TO ETHIOPIA

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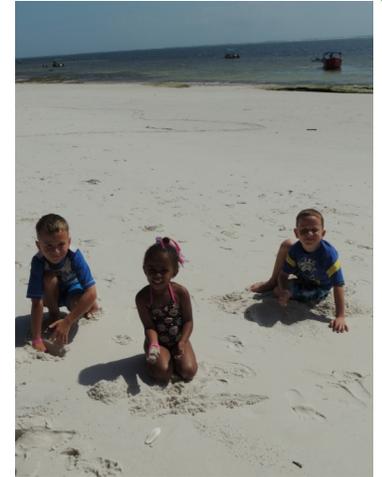
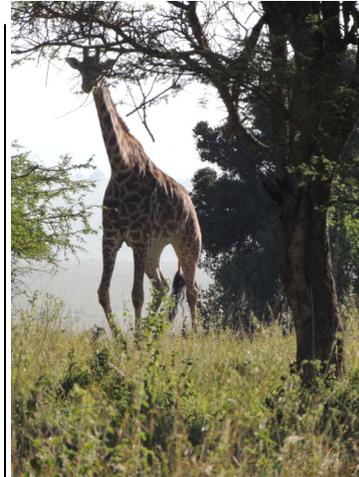
### Our Process

2014—another year of big changes for the Meehan family and some firsts. Chris starts teaching, for the first time, at the Bible college in just a few days. He will also be preaching at a chapel service and holding clinic hours for the students on a regular basis. I will also be teaching a course on psychology and counseling in ministry this term and just completed teaching a block course with my dad on church growth. Other ministries such as working with orphans, teaching children and medical trainings will continue, as well.

2014 is also the year we head back to the US. We will be heading back this coming summer. We aren't sure exactly what God has planned for us yet, but it has become clear that we both need to spend some time furthering our education before we can come back overseas, if God leads us that direction in the future.

We are up for anything, but living here for over a year, we have seen many changes to the process of getting work permits and it is just difficult. It has proven very difficult for me to get my own work permit and I (Betsy) have been very limited in what I can do without my own. In order to be able to obtain one easily, I need to have a masters degree. I will be working towards my masters in social work as that degree is internationally recognized and will open many doors for employment and ministry whether or not we are called back into foreign missions. Chris was able to get his work permit, but with great difficulty and we just keep hearing that it is getting harder and harder. Chris has been working on his masters degree for the past several months, and he will complete that once we are back in the US and return to working in the medical field, which he loves and misses.

We have several months left in this country and we intend to be as fruitful as possible and to continue to seek what God has planned for us and those we come into contact with. Thinking of leaving is heartbreaking, but we know that God's plans are best. We are relying on that! Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.



### Our Family

2014 is the year we got to visit Kenya for the trip of a lifetime. I have always wanted to go, since having missionary friends there as a child, and it was an amazing experience for the entire family. It was just a vacation and most of the trip was a generous gift from Chris' father. It was a great time of adventure, rest and relaxation for our family over the holiday break! We saw tons of African animals and spent time in the water, which our kids have really missed doing on a regular basis. We are so fortunate to have been able to take this trip and to see a bit more of this continent we currently call home.

2014 also marks the year that my parents visited us in Africa! My mom arrived on Jan. 10 and my dad on Jan. 18 after a missions trip to Turkey. They leave in just a few days, but it has been so wonderful having them here. The grandkids, especially, have loved it! I'm so glad that I have parents that are world travelers. It has been good for all of us to be together again.

2014 holds a lot of unknowns for our family and especially our kids. They will go through another round of transition—new home, new town, new school, culture changes, etc... Please keep them in your prayers as we continue on this journey God has set us on.

### Prayer Requests:

\*Please pray that the remainder of our time in Ethiopia is fruitful and peaceful

\*Please pray for Ethiopia and the people here to be receptive to the message of God's grace

\*Please pray for the other missionaries in Ethiopia that will continue what God has started here, more are coming, specifically to reach the unreached people groups—their road will not be easy

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**We'd love to hear from you. Please let us know if there is anything we can pray about for you.**